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A NEW WAR CREDIT FOR GREAT BRITAIN

400,000,000 Pounds Additional Has Been Unanimously Voted by British Parliament

INVADING TEUTONS PROGRESSING IN RUMANIA

Invading Army in Rumania is Unchecked—Has Now Crossed the Jalomitza River—No Details Have Come Regarding French Operations Along the Meuse—Germanic Forces Have Bombarded the Entire Front in the Monastir Section—On Other Fronts Only Bombardments and Minor Engagements Are Being Carried Out.

Both the German and Austrian-Hungarian notes concerning peace have been received in Washington and soon will be transmitted to the belligerent governments. While Great Britain has not yet officially received the proposals, her attitude and that of her allies with regard to peace was reiterated in the house of commons Thursday by Andrew Bonar Law, the new chancellor of the exchequer, who said the entente allies required adequate preparation for the past and adequate security for the future.

A semi-official statement from Petrograd attacks the Teutonic powers for lack of sincerity and says the firm determination of the entente to continue the war toward a triumphal finish can be weakened by no propositions of the enemies.

That there is to be no abatement in Great Britain's preparations is indicated by the unanimous vote of parliament of an additional credit of £400,000,000.

On the fighting fronts everywhere, except in Rumania and along both banks of the Meuse, only bombardments and minor engagements are being carried out. In Rumania the Teutonic army has now crossed the Jalomitza river and all along the front the advance of the invaders continues unchecked.

No details have come through as to French operations along the Meuse, except a statement in the Berlin official statement that the French have made advances on both banks of the river. Paris merely reports bombardments in these regions.

The Teutons have bombarded Monastir and the entire front in this section.

REGULAR AIRPLANE MAIL

SERVICE BEING CONSIDERED Between New York and Chicago—Flying Would Be at Night.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Regular airplane mail service between New York and Chicago is being considered by the postoffice department. Announcement was made today that the plan is regarded practicable and might be established with part of the proposed \$100,000 postal appropriation for experimental aerial service.

Department officials estimate the flight of 720 miles could be made in from six to fourteen hours, with an average time of eight hours, and a load of from five hundred to one thousand pounds of mail. Flying would be at night, a plane leaving each city at 6 p. m., alighting at three regular stations in the vicinity of Washington, Port, Pa., Elms and Napoleon, O., where extra machines, fuel and equipment would be maintained. At Elms a second machine would be taken on relay.

HOW CITIES ARE

ELIMINATING BILLBOARDS Told by Speakers at Convention of American Civic Association.

Washington, Dec. 14.—How cities are eliminating billboards and unnecessary noises was told today by speakers at the annual convention of the American Civic Association. Mrs. Imogen B. Okey, Philadelphia, chairman of the committee on noise nuisance, reported that Rochester, N. Y., had gone further in that direction than any other American city. The committee will draft a model anti-noise ordinance and urge its passage in many cities during the next year. Jesse L. Bennett of Baltimore, president of the association, reported showing that a number of cities had refused permits for erection of billboards in the future.

IMMIGRATION BILL PASSED WITH LITERACY TEST

Senate Vote Stood 54 to 7—Now Goes to Conference.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The immigration bill, containing the restrictive literacy test for admission of aliens which has caused three presidents to veto such a measure, was passed by the senate today. The bill, as amended in the senate now goes to conference. It passed the house last session.

The senate reconsidered the clause designed to exclude anarchists, who teach destruction of property, as a propaganda. An amendment by Senator Hardwick of Pennsylvania, permitting entry of persons who advocate or teach destruction of property "in war, insurrection or revolution," but not otherwise, was adopted.

SEAT IN CONGRESS FOR ALL EX-PRESIDENTS

Is Proposed in Bill Introduced in the House—Salary \$25,000.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Former Presidents Taft and Roosevelt and all other future presidents of the United States after their terms expire would be given a seat in the house of representatives without vote, at a salary of \$25,000 yearly by a bill introduced today by Representative Moore of Pennsylvania. Candidates for any political office would automatically bar such men from membership in the house.

Movements of Steamships

New York, Dec. 14.—Sailed: steamer Finland, Liverpool; Baltic, Liverpool.

Plymouth, Dec. 13.—Arrived: steamer Pannonia, New York for London.

Gibraltar, Dec. 11.—Sailed: steamer Patria (from Naples) New York.

Kirkwall, Dec. 13.—Sailed: previous steamer Oscar II. (from Copenhagen), New York.

New York, Dec. 14.—Sailed: steamer Buenos Aires, Cadiz for New York, 6:30 m. east of Sandy Hook at noon (thirteenth, 8:30 a. m. on Saturday).

Christiana, Dec. 4.—Arrived: steamer Kristianafjord, New York.

Cabled Paragraphs

No Peace Offer to Belgium. London, Dec. 14, 6:40 p. m.—The Belgian legation in London today published a denial of a story printed in the Morning Telegraph, yesterday, of a peace offer to Belgium by the central powers.

French National Defense Decree. Paris, Dec. 14, 2:15 p. m.—The government today introduced in the chamber of deputies a bill conferring upon the government the large powers, outlined by Premier Briand yesterday, to take measures for the national defense decrees instead of the authorization of parliament in each instance.

RUSSIAN ATTITUDE ON PEACE PROPOSAL Declares Offer Was Made to Placate People of Germany.

Petrograd, via London, Dec. 14, 9:15 p. m.—The following official statement regarding the Russian attitude on the peace proposal has been issued by the Petrograd News Agency:

"The new appeal of our enemies is not their first attempt to throw upon the entente powers the responsibility for the war they have waged. In order to obtain the support of the German peoples, who are tired of the war, the Berlin government many times has had recourse to false promises of peace and has frequently in order to animate its troops, offered prospects of a nearly peace. It promised peace when Warsaw was taken, when Serbia was conquered, forgetting that such promises unfulfilled would create profound distrust.

"In its further efforts, which are similarly due to the same interested considerations, the German government is obliged to carry this question outside of all Germany. All the world recalls these attempts, notably its balloons d'essai, which were sent up in neutral countries, particularly the United States. "Seeing the inability of such methods, which deceived nobody, Germany attempted to create a peace atmosphere, which would allow it to change its policy here, to suppress its imperialistic tendencies, while sowing discord between the allies by seeking to make public opinion believe that separate negotiations were in progress between her and the entente powers. There were also persistent reports of a separate peace. In view of the fact, however, that the allies in progress between her and the entente powers, our enemies had to think of a more serious plan."

VILLA EXPECTS TO GET OUR GOLD

Bandit Says Europe Will Subjugate United States and He Will Share in Spoils.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 14.—Villa while in Chihuahua City declared his intention of raising an army of 25,000 men, but denied he intended to attack General Pershing's column, according to a dispatch received here today. According to the letter, he would have his men in the border states issue proclamations calling upon the Mexicans living on the American side to line up with him. The letter also declared, said he had 2,000,000 rounds of ammunition hidden in the desert. The Mexican leader also is reported to have referred to political conditions in the United States, saying that the European countries would subjugate the United States in order to get its enormous gold supply, in which he, Villa, would share.

FEDERAL INDEX SYSTEM FOR VITAL STATISTICS

Urged by Kentucky State Registrar—To Prevent Mixed Marriages.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 14.—Laxness in the registration of negro births makes it probable that "our grand-children and great-grandchildren will be the result of mixed blood in their veins," according to a statement of W. L. Heiser, state registrar of vital statistics, made before a state meeting of county health officers which closed here today. Mr. Heiser called it a real peril in Kentucky and asserted the number of quadroons and octoroons in other portions of the country as well who could not be distinguished from white persons was considerable. He recommended that registrars take greater care in accurately fixing of record the racial status of their progeny for the protection of future white generations and urged compulsory registration of vital statistics for the whole nation under a card index system supervised by the federal government.

HOW POOR OF MEXICO ARE SUFFERING.

Wearing Native Grasses for Clothing and Eating Roots.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 14.—The poor of Guadalupe, one of the large mining cities of central Mexico, are dying at the rate of about 70 persons a day, according to an affidavit made by an American mining man who has arrived here. The affidavit, which was forwarded by government officials to Washington today, affirms also that women teachers in the parochial schools had been mistreated by soldiers and that church properties were turned into bull rings and barracks. The document goes on to say that the poor were wearing native grasses for clothing and eating roots, and that corn sent by the American Red Cross to relieve suffering was seized by officials and sold at \$3.50 gold a bushel.

MADE RECORD TRIP THROUGH PANAMA CANAL

Steamer Balboa Completes Passage in Six Hours 25 Minutes.

Washington, Dec. 14.—All records for quick passage through the Panama Canal were broken when the little steamer Balboa on Dec. 3 made the trip in 6 hours, 25 minutes. Her sister ship the Cauca, made the transit in 7 hours, 9 minutes. When the canal was planned twelve hours was thought to be good record for the trip.

Fire in Stamford.

Stamford, Conn., Dec. 14.—Damage estimated at about \$30,000 was caused today by a fire in the Franklin-Danforth corporation furniture factory here. The fire was in the kiln drying building.

Move for Nation Wide Prohibition

HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS IT

ACTION IS A SURPRISE

Prohibition Advocates Are Jubilant Over Their Victory—Amendment Would Prohibit Manufacture and Sale of Liquor as Beverage.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Nation-wide prohibition took a long stride toward enactment today when the house judiciary committee unexpectedly voted to recommend adoption of the amendment to submit the constitutional amendment forbidding the manufacture and sale of liquor for beverage purposes in the United States. Even the most enthusiastic champion of the amendment had not expected favorable action as soon from the committee which at the last session voted to postpone its consideration indefinitely. How the resolution will progress through the various legislative stages of congress at this session is problematical, but it is believed that it will reach the senate in time for action at his session.

Prohibition advocates are jubilant over the action of the committee, however, and predict ultimate adoption of the resolution and reference of the amendment to the legislature of the various states much sooner than they heretofore had hoped. The amendment is in the hands of the judiciary committee in both houses is required.

Bill to Make Washington Dry.

Coincident with the committee's action on the amendment, the prohibition issue was brought directly to the attention of the senate when the Sheppard bill to prohibit the manufacture and sale of liquor in the District of Columbia became the unfinished business to be kept before the senate until disposed of. As an amendment to this bill, the Sheppard bill, proposed a referendum to the male voters of the district. Senator Kern of Indiana has added a proposal that women also should participate in the referendum.

Sentiment in the senate for and against the referendum appears to be closely divided, with a vote on the subject expected within a day or two. Discussion of the Sheppard bill afforded opportunity for comment on the proposed amendment, several members of the senate, including Senators Sheppard, Vardaman and Owen, predicting triumph for the cause of nation-wide prohibition in the near future.

Hardly anyone doubted tonight that prohibition will be a dominant legislative issue before the next Sixty-fifth congress if the constitutional amendment does not reach a vote this winter.

How the Vote Stood.

Seven members of the judiciary committee, including the chairman, reported the prohibition amendment. They were: Mr. Dyer of Missouri; Mr. Igoe of Missouri; Mr. Graham and Steel of Pennsylvania; Mr. Walsh of Massachusetts; and Danforth of New York. Representatives Eliza William of Illinois and Carlin of Virginia, who were opposed to the resolution at the last session, voted this time to recommend its adoption.

To Stop Sending Liquor by Mail.

President Wilson was urged late today by the Rev. Clarence T. Wilson, representing the Methodist Conference board, to use his influence with congress to prohibit the use of the mails for the sending of liquor advertisements by unlicensed liquor dealers.

WAR RISK MARINE INSURANCE HIGHER.

Fifteen Per Cent. for Mediterranean Shipments.

New York, Dec. 14.—War risk marine insurance is now up to 15 per cent. for Mediterranean shipments and from 8 to 10 per cent. for transatlantic cargoes with rates based on total valuation of ship and cargo and not on the latter only as heretofore. This is a higher level than that reached at any other time since August, 1914, when with the beginning of the war the rate went to 20 per cent. The average valuation of the munition-laden ship before the war was \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000 per cent. insurance entails a payment of \$300,000 to \$400,000 in premium.

CANADIAN COMMANDER SENTENCED TO SIX MONTHS

Charged With Inciting Men In His Command to Desert.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 14.—Colonel Pagnon of Montreal, a prominent lawyer and commander of the 26th Canadian Overseas Regiment, was today condemned to serve six months in jail. He was found guilty of addressing the men of his battalion at the time it was broken up at Valcartier camp into reinforcement units for Bermuda and elsewhere. In terms which would encourage them to desert, he said that the government was not to be trusted and that the men should be free to go home. The government has confirmed the sentence of the courtmartial.

PROTEST COMES FROM DANISH WEST INDIES

Wishes to be Permitted to Manage Its Own Affairs.

St. Thomas, D. W. I., Dec. 14.—At a mass meeting held here today the following resolution was adopted and cabled to the home government at Copenhagen:

"The island does not desire to be governed as Porto Rico, but wishes to be permitted to manage its own affairs under the federal government. American citizenship should be accorded immediately on the transfer, the port to be free and natives to be given preference in appointments to government positions."

A delegation probably will be sent to Washington to support the stand taken in this resolution.

Submarine Runs Aground in Fog

CREW WAS IMPRISONED OVER TWELVE HOURS

ALL ABOARD RESCUED

Five Members of the Crew Were Brought Ashore in Breeches Buoy—Struck a Land Pit Near the Entrance to Humboldt Bay, California.

Eureka, Calif., Dec. 14.—Twenty-six of the crew of the submarine H-3, which today in the fog, which went ashore on a shag near the entrance to Humboldt Bay, were rescued tonight.

Officers and Crew Rescued. Five of the crew were brought ashore on a breeches buoy at 5 o'clock. Within an hour, the remaining 19 men of the crew and the two officers were rescued.

Coast guard men shot a line across the bow of the H-3 as darkness set in and watchers on shore saw the submarine become more steady in the roll of the surf as the line was made fast. Then the breeches buoy was rigged and five of the trapped crew were rescued.

Aground in Dense Fog. In a dense fog the H-3 struck a sand spit early today while cruising down the coast from Puget Sound on her way to the Mare Island navy yard in San Francisco Bay. She was accompanied by the U. S. S. Cheyenne and the submarines H-1 and H-2. Officers of the Cheyenne said they believed the accident was caused by the engines of the H-3 becoming disabled.

How Crew Escaped Suffocation.

Commander W. E. Howe of the Cheyenne, directing the rescue work on shore, said the men had been able to keep alive by crowding beneath the conning tower for air in the way of escaping the chlorine gas fumes from the batteries.

ALLIES UNLIKELY TO STOP AUSTRIAN ENVOY

Washington Expects He Will Be Allowed to Pass Blockade.

Washington, Dec. 14.—While it is widely expected that no safe conduct will be issued by the entente allied governments to Count Tarnowski, the newly appointed Austrian ambassador, it is also confidently expected that he will be permitted to pass through the blockade line, like any other civilian passenger, on the Danish steamship on which he will sail from Copenhagen. New York next Saturday, this way will be avoided an embarrassing precedent and debates in the parliaments that might be critical of the governments of the entente powers.

The decision not to issue formal safe conduct for Count Tarnowski will leave unimpaired the right of the allied government to persist in its refusal to permit the passage through the entente lines of Count Bey, whom the Turkish government has for some time past been seeking to despatch to Washington as its ambassador.

AN ELECTRIC TRAIN BURIED BY SNOWSLIDE

Rescuing Party Dug Out Passengers, Two of Whom Died.

Berne, Wednesday, Dec. 13, via Paris, Dec. 14.—An electric train, crossing Bernina Pass today was buried under an avalanche. A rescuing party dug out the passengers, two of whom had died. Another train was still on the near by, in the Engadine.

A detachment of soldiers sent to dig out a mail car in the Juffer Pass, was thrown over a bluff by a snowslide but burrowed their way out.

LLOYD GEORGE TAKES TURN FOR THE WORSE

Physicians Order British Premier to Stay in Bed Few Days Longer.

Premier David Lloyd George has taken a slight turn for the worse. He suffered considerably from a severe chill contracted early in the week, and his physicians have ordered him to remain in bed a few days more.

Friends of the premier express the hope that he will be able to appear in the house of commons next Tuesday, as planned.

ELECTED PRESIDENT OF SWISS CONFEDERATION.

Edmund Schulthess Given 176 Out of 189 Votes.

Paris, Dec. 14, 1:20 p. m.—Edmund Schulthess of Aargau was today elected president of the Swiss confederation for 1917 by a vote of 176 out of the 189 votes in the Swiss national assembly, says a despatch from Bern today. He was vice president of the federal council for the current year.

EMBRYO NEWSPAPERMEN HAVE DECLARED STRIKE.

Senior Class of Pulitzer School Believe They Are Overworked.

New York, Dec. 14.—Declaring that they are overworked, the senior class of the Pulitzer school of journalism at Columbia university is on strike. The embryo newspapermen maintain that during the past few weeks they have been asked to do an excessive amount of study and when the director ordered examination tests on two successive days this week they rebelled.

BRITISH ARE CONSIDERING ARMING MERCHANT SHIPS

Announcement is Made of This Move Before the House of Commons.

London, Dec. 14.—In the house of commons today Thomas Macnamara, financial under secretary for the admiralty, announced that the admiralty had under earnest consideration the matter of arming merchant ships.

Condensed Telegrams

President Wilson was re-elected head of the American Republic at a national meeting at Washington.

A "famine parade" will be held at New Orleans on Jan. 27 as a protest against the high cost of living.

The threatened strike of the trainmen on the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railway has been settled.

The Rev. Dr. Andrew Watson, who for fifty years has been engaged in missionary work in Egypt, is dead.

W. C. Nixon, president of the St. Louis & San Francisco railway, is seriously ill at his home at St. Louis.

Dr. Dana W. Bigelow, pastor of the Memorial Presbyterian Church at Utica, N. Y., was found dead in his home.

Annapolis probably will be the site chosen by Secretary of the Navy Daniel M. Pratt for the new naval experiment laboratory.

Richard Dunn, of New York, was sentenced to serve two months in the house of correction for leading his five-year-old son.

Miss Amanda Bradley of River road, Edgewater, N. J., a movie actress, died of injuries received in an automobile accident.

E. J. Wilson and Richard Johnson, of Chicago, were arrested at Augusta, Ga., charged with the theft of two automobiles.

Charles Clarence Linthicum, of Chicago, for many years a professor of Patent Law at Northwestern University, is dead.

The American ambassador to Brazil, Edwin W. Morgan, has arrived in Lima. President Fardo held a reception for him.

The body of a man believed to be Jeremiah Healy of New York, was found floating in the North River, off Dyckman Street.

Gold to the amount of \$9,000,000 was received from Canada and deposited at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Several miners were asphyxiated at the Alton mining camp, near Silver City, N. M., when they drilled into a gas pocket in a mine.

Rodman Wanamaker's steam yacht, the Nirvana, was almost totally destroyed by fire yesterday in her winter berth at Bath Beach.

Imported baseballs for use on American diamonds here after must be stamped with the name of the country in which they were made.

The American schooner Edward J. Lawrence, Newport News for Barcelona, arrived at St. Michaels, Azores, in a badly damaged condition.

John W. Blodgett, of Grand Rapids, Mich., and James B. Forgan, of Chicago, were elected directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

Chas. R. Wing, a private in the Second Wisconsin Infantry, now on Mexican border service, received an appointment to West Point Academy.

Federal authorities at Galveston, Tex., are conducting a rifle ammunition test which they believe was intended for one of the warring factions in Mexico.

Five companies of marines doing duty in Santo Domingo and Haiti will be returned to Philadelphia as soon as transportation arrangements can be made.

The Ohio Coal Co. at Findlay, Ohio, announced an advance of five cents a barrel on all grades of coal with the exception of Plymouth, which was raised to 10 cents.

E. D. Hamilton, was killed, and William Salt of New York, was fatally injured by an explosion in the plant of the Hercules Powder Co., near Youngstown, Ohio.

Representative Lewis, of Maryland, author of the Parcel Post law, introduced a bill proposing government ownership of the public telephone system in the capital.

The resignation of Miss Mary E. Dyer as member of the New York Board of Education was announced. She will devote her time to the cause of woman suffrage.

Fifty-three delegates were named by Governor Whitman to represent New York state at the Congress of Commerce and Industry to be held at Washington, Jan. 25-27.

A special committee was appointed by President Woodrow Wilson to investigate the New York Chamber of Commerce to make an investigation into food supplies and prices.

Commercial Attaché Kennedy at Melbourne cabled the Department of Commerce that the Australian government has prohibited the importation of tin plate from the United States.

Members of the crew of the German auxiliary cruiser Berlin, which has been interned at Tromsø, Norway, since November, 1914, have been allowed four months' leave in Germany.

Legislation designed to place returning Canadian soldiers on agricultural lands as far as possible, will be introduced in Canadian parliament by the government early in the approaching session.

Two women were seriously injured and six others slightly hurt when powder was exploded in the manufacture of munitions exploded in the plant of the Bartlett Haywood Co., at Turners Station, Baltimore.

The Commission Created by Congress to investigate Federal prison industries recommended installing a textile mill at the Atlanta penitentiary and a furniture factory at the Leavenworth penitentiary.

Reduction in freight rates effective Feb. 1 on fuel and refined in carload lots from producing points in California, Kansas and Texas to points in Arizona, was ordered by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Capt. Augustus U. Dunning of the Fifth Regiment, New Jersey National Guard, who has been a prisoner at Fort Hancock, since Nov. 13, charged with neglect of duty, will be put on trial Saturday at Sandy Hook.

Gov. Holcomb is in Washington

ATTENDING NINTH ANNUAL GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE

ONE OF THE SPEAKERS

Tells How Connecticut Has Reduced Its Indebtedness Several Million Dollars Within a Few Years—Invited to Dinner in White House.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The executive budget system of Maryland, the only state with such a system of financial control, was given general approval today in a discussion at the ninth annual governors' conference. Its provisions were outlined by Governor Harrington of Maryland and by Dr. Frank J. Goodnow, president of Johns Hopkins university, who was chairman of a committee that drafted the plan.

Those attending the conference were dinner guests tonight at the White House. Governors were said for about forty governors, former governors and governors-elect and half as many women of the governors' party.

Interest in the conference was quickened today by prospects that Secretary of War Baker and Brigadier General Mann, chief of the division of military affairs, might discuss the status of the national guard before one of tomorrow's sessions. Resolutions were adopted today inviting them to speak, after some discussion. Governor Spry of Utah declared the militia problem was one of the most important the governors faced.

Governor Holcomb of Connecticut said no one knew the present status of the guard and that he intended to oppose the building of any armories in Connecticut until he learned definitely where it stood.

"If now looks," he said, "as though the guard is about to be federalized, with the rest of the authority in the states."

The Maryland budget plan as described by Governor Harrington, was to make impossible an expenditure of more money in appropriations than is received by the commonwealth from its sources. It centers authority in the governor.

Governor Holcomb described the Connecticut system of naming a state financial board to assist in planning appropriations and told how the state's indebtedness had been reduced by several million dollars within the last few years. Others expressed a belief that the federalization of the fiscal system of their own states and praised the executive budget plan.

Governor McCall of Massachusetts pointed out that the speaker of the house had been short of his power in the selection of committees, federal appropriations were larger than ever before.

Those invited to the president's dinner included Governor Holcomb and former Governor F. B. Weeks of Connecticut.

PEACE OVERTURES CAUSED PANIC IN JAPAN

News of German Proposals Staggered Stock Exchange.

Tokio, Dec. 14.—News despatches from New York were the first information reaching here of Germany's peace proposal. The news was a complete surprise and caused a panic on the stock exchange. Shipping stocks tumbled and were followed by other securities until the governors ordered the exchange closed.

The foreign office, the Bank of Japan and other influential circles have received no advice but gave out interviews expressing a belief that the allies would not consider any proposition which would leave Germany in her ante-war position or anything approaching it.

Officials of the Japanese foreign office said today that they do not take the German peace proposals seriously. They expressed a belief that the allies would have to fight to the end. Japan, it was stated, has not yet been officially notified of the making of the proposals.

CHICAGO IS EXPERIENCING REAL WINTER WEATHER

Temperature Four Degrees Above Zero—Snow on the Ground.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—The first real winter weather of the season descended on Chicago today. The mercury standing at four degrees above zero. Recent snows remained on the ground.

Low temperature extended over all the northern Mississippi valley. Charles City, Iowa, reported a temperature of fourteen degrees below zero, and Des Moines six below. At Duluth, Minn., the mercury dropped to fifteen below zero early this morning and at points along the northern Minnesota line the temperature was reported to be thirty below zero.

FLAG TO FLY WHEN PRESIDENT IS HOME